



News You Can Use

Chesterfield County, Virginia

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This is one in a series of information papers for members of the Chesterfield Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This information is meant for your personal use, and for you to use in your role as a CERT Volunteer in your community. News You Can Use comes from a variety of professional emergency services agencies.



Good News as 2008 Ends

DuPont Funds Received, Members Honored

Chesterfield County's CERT Program has received a \$5,000 grant from E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc. to complete the program's 2008 year. This generous grant was made possible through the efforts of Michael Barnett, Chair of the Chesterfield Emergency Planning Committee and Citizens Corps Council. Barnett is director of safety at DuPont's Spruance Plant. Barnett made the presentation at the joint CERT/Medical Reserve Corps Reception on Dec. 4 at the Eanes-Pittman Public Safety Training Center. Chesterfield County Administrator James J. L. Stegmaier and Chesterfield Fire Chief Edward Loy Senter were among those who attended.

At the same time, Chesterfield County has been notified by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management that it will receive \$22,000 in Citizens Corps Council funding for 2009. The generous donation from DuPont, and the 2009 state/federal funding earmarked for CERT, will enable us to finish this year and to announce a full schedule of events for 2009.

Also honored by the Chesterfield Citizen Corps Council and Chesterfield Fire and EMS at the reception for their service were: Beverley Brandt, Administrative Assistant in the Office of Emergency Management; the staff of Chesterfield Training and Education Division; and CERT Program Coordinator Jon Donnelly. Beverley received a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding support of the CERT Program during 2008. Battalion Chief Rick Edinger received a Certificate of Appreciation for his division's outstanding support for the Initial Training Courses and monthly continuing education classes held at the Public Safety Training Center. Donnelly became the first person to be named an Honorary Member of the Chesterfield County Department of Fire and EMS. Donnelly has been an active volunteer involved in Chesterfield emergency services since 1984. CERT Faculty members also were cited during the joint reception.

Chesterfield County's CERT Program is sponsored by the Chesterfield Citizens Corps Council. For more information, contact Lynda F. Price, Chesterfield Emergency Management Coordinator, at (804) 748-1236 or pricel@chesterfield.gov, or Jon R. Donnelly, CERT Program Coordinator at 804-320-2165/ or jondon42@verizon.net.

